

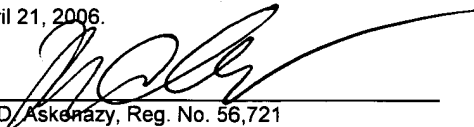


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Applicant	:	Michael E. Littau et al.
Filed	:	April 8, 2004
Title	:	Determination of Center of Focus by Parameter Variability Analysis
TC/A.U.	:	2877
Examiner	:	Gordon J. Stock, Jr.
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